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Dear Col. Badgett:

[redacted] suggested that I might like to respond to your letter of 25 August to him. The suggestion that some Agency geographers participate in a seminar at the Academy to discuss the work of the geographer in CIA seems useful to me. If we can arrange a mutually convenient time and arrive at a more specific understanding of your interests, I think we should be able to schedule such a seminar during the winter months.

The Chief of my Geography Division [redacted] is planning a swing through the Midwest in November to visit several Geography Departments. I am inviting him to get in touch with you when his schedule is further along to see if he could stop in at the Air Force Academy on that trip. The two of you could perhaps work out more details during that visit.

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Sincerely,  
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Again, I thank you for what must have been some personal inconvenience in providing me both peace of mind and a civilized mode of transportation while in Virginia. The remainder of our trip west went without complication, and we are now fairly well settled.

I'd like to re-open several topics you and I discussed briefly during our travels. First, it would be very helpful if I could contact several people in the IC who are professionally trained in the geographic discipline, and who are applying that training to national security issues. My intent is to ask them to come to the Academy for several days to discuss the range of concerns they're involved in, dealing broadly with the general application of the discipline to security issues, and then focusing on one or a few specific examples preferably related to the Soviet Union.

My purposes relate in their immediate focus perhaps more to our faculty than to the students. Specifically, I would like to involve our geographers more closely with the range of relevant concerns in Washington - through their research at the Academy, summer TDY research, follow-on assignments after leaving the Academy, or by shaping the doctoral programs of those who go off for further education.

Of course, the second topic has the same structure as the first, but deals with the areas for which OSR is responsible. We have some very capable people who may be of assistance in your efforts along the lines suggested above.

I'd very much appreciate your thoughts on these matters in general, and any suggestions you might have regarding people to invite.

Jim has been in touch regarding a November MEAP meeting, and I look forward to seeing you, Don, and the others again.

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